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REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE. ✓

The committee recommend, for the support of the library for the ensuing year, appropriations as follows :

1. Twelve hundred dollars for salaries of librarian and assistant.

2. Nine hundred and twenty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents, being three-quarters of a dollar for each of the ratable polls for the year 1896.

3. Three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and three cents, being the amount of the dog tax for 1896 refunded by the County Treasurer.

In consideration of the fact that we find it necessary to call upon the town for two hundred dollars more than heretofore on account of the employment of an assistant librarian, the committee have reduced the amount asked for per poll from one dollar to three-quarters of a dollar, and so diminishing rather than increasing the library appropriation.

GEORGE A. KING,

Chairman.

March 1, 1897.

REPORT OF THE CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Concord Free Public Library submits to the town its twenty-fourth annual report, showing, by the accompanying reports of its Treasurer, Auditor, and Librarian, the amount and condition of the property in its charge, and the additions to it and uses made of it during the year past.

SAMUEL HOAR, *President.*

CONCORD, March 6, 1897. ✓

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The Treasurer of the Concord Free Public Library submits the twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Amount and Condition of the Funds, March 1, 1897.

AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

J. Story Gerrish fund . . .	\$ 926.00
E. R. Hoar fund . . .	1,067.50
Ebenezer Hubbard fund . . .	1,053.32
Abel Hunt fund . . .	400.00
Charles Merriam fund . . .	927.34
William Munroe fund for accumulation	23,194.65
William Munroe repair fund . . .	12,273.85
William M. Prichard fund . . .	4,350.00
Reuben N. Rice fund . . .	2,068.75
Cyrus Stow fund . . .	1,106.25
Lydia R. Whiting fund . . .	3,278.47
William Whiting fund . . .	1,027.60
Hapgood Wright fund . . .	300.00
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Total, March 1, 1897, . . .	\$51,973.73
Amount of funds March 1, 1896 . . .	51,076.85
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Increase during the year . . .	\$896.88

LEGACY OF J. STORY GERRISH.

Investments March 1, 1897 :	
6 shares Fitchburg R.R. Co. pfd., cost value	\$532.50
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings . . .	393.50
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	\$926.00
Income carried to general expense account	\$39.79

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LEGACY OF E. R. HOAR.

Investments March 1, 1897 :	
\$1,000 Chicago Sanitary Dist. 5 per cent. bond, due 1905, cost value, . . .	\$1,067.50
Income applied to payt. of bal. of premium on bond	\$30.00
Income carried to general expense account	20.00
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	\$50.00

LEGACY OF EBENEZER HUBBARD.

Investments March 1, 1897 :	
\$1,000 City of Springfield Water Loan, 7 per cent. bond, due 1903, cost value .	\$1,053.32
Income carried to general expense account	\$70.00

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Investments, March 1, 1897 :	
Deposit in East Cambridge Savings Bank .	\$400.00
Income paid to Library Committee . .	\$18.20

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Investments, March 1, 1897 :	
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Income paid to Library Committee .	\$45.28

LEGACY OF WILLIAM MUNROE, FOR ACCUMULATION.

Investments, March 1, 1897 :	
Certificate of deposit in Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co. with interest to January 1, 1897	\$22,242.60
Deposit in East Cambridge Savings Bank, with interest to Oct. 15, 1896 .	952.05
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\$4,000 Ottawa, Oswego & Fox River Valley R.R. Co. 1st mortgage 8 per cent. bonds due 1900, cost value	4,813.17
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings .	144.18
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	\$12,273.85
Income carried to general expense account	\$600.00
Income carried to repair account	\$29.78

GIFT OF WILLIAM M. PRICHARD, FOR HISTORY OR THE FINE ARTS

Investments, March 1, 1897 :	
\$2,350 Conn. Riv. R.R. Co. 4 per cent. scrip, due 1903, cost value	\$2,332.38
Note of First Parish in Concord, \$2,000 4 1-2 per cent. due 1899	2,000.00
Cash	17.62
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	\$4,350.00
Receipts :	
Balance from last year	\$99.86
Interest	182.18
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	\$282.04
Payments :	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Vols. 9 and 10 Silva of North America	\$50.00
S. M. O'Neill, Plant Studies, Haïté	6.50
S. M. O'Neill, Handbook of Ornament, Meyer	2.50
S. M. O'Neill, L'Art pour tous, 10 vols. 1861-1871	25.00
Estes & Lauriat, Etchings and Etchers, Hamerton	36.00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$120.00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$120.00	
Estes & Lauriat, 'Butterflies of Eastern U. S. and Canada, Scudder, 3 vols. .	71.25	
Balance on hand	90.79	
	<hr/>	\$282.04

LEGACY OF REUBEN N. RICE.

Investments, March 1, 1897 :		
10 shares Waltham Gas Light Co., cost value	\$1,060.00	
Certificate of deposit, under reorganization scheme, of \$1,000 Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Ry. Co., 6 per cent. bond due 1916, cost value .	1,008.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,068.75
Income carried to general expense account		\$127.00

LEGACY OF CYRUS STOW.

Investments, March 1, 1897 :		
\$1,000 C. B. & Q. R.R. Co. convert, 5 per cent. bond, due 1903, cost value .		\$1,106.25
Income carried to general expense account		\$50.00

LEGACY OF LYDIA R. WHITING.

Investments, March 1, 1897 :		
25 shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., cost value	\$3,235.97	
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings .	42.50	
	<hr/>	\$3,278.47
Income carried to general expense account		\$101.68

LEGACY OF WILLIAM WHITING.

Investments, March 1, 1897 :		
\$1,000 Concord & Montreal R.R. Co., 1st mortgage, 4 per cent. bond, due 1920, cost value	\$1,000.00	
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings .	27.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,027.60
Income paid to Library Committee .		\$41.08

HAPGOOD WRIGHT TRUST FUND.

Investments, March 1, 1897 :

Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings .	\$300.00
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Receipts :

Balance from last year	\$20.28	
Interest	12.06	
	<hr/>	\$32.34

Payments :

Lowell Daily Courier, January 1, 1895- January 1, 1897	\$12.00	
Binding four volumes of same	11.00	
Balance on hand	9.34	
	<hr/>	\$22.34

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Receipts :

Balance from last year	\$139.69	
From income of Munroe repair fund	29.78	
	<hr/>	\$169.47

Payments :

Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. Combination Mixing Regulator for gas	\$130.00	
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. Gas Lantern for porch	14.05	
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. 11 Welsbach burners and shades	25.20	
Balance on hand22	
	<hr/>	\$169.47

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Receipts :

Balance from last year	\$63.14	
From J. Story Gerrish fund	39.79	
From E. R. Hoar fund	20.00	
From Ebenezer Hubbard fund	70.00	
From William Munroe repair fund	600.00	
From Reuben N. Rice fund	127.00	
From Cyrus Stow fund	50.00	
From Lydia R. Whiting fund	101.68	
Debit balance	24.42	
	<hr/>	\$1,096.03

Payments :

Rent of box in Union Safe Deposit Vaults	\$10.00
Michael Mahoney, Janitor	300.00
Insurance	194.25
Watering Streets	30.00
Town of Concord, water rates	23.00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. gasoline . .	81.29
James B. Wood, coal	164.80
James B. Wood, lumber26
Knight & Thomas, fire extinguisher . .	10.50
Densmore B. Hosmer, labor and materials	5.23
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. waterwheel pump for gas	180.00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. 16 Welsbach burners and shades	36.23
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. repairs on gas piping, etc.	7.78
John Hopkins, brick foundation for gas pump, etc.	5.34
Patrick McWalter, repairs on heater . .	24.33
John H. Coan, teaming ashes, etc. . . .	6.50
Benjamin W. Brown, wheelbarrow . . .	3.50
George J. Emmott, repairs	3.47
Charles W. Prescott, 1 cord of wood . .	2.50
Thomas Hollis Co., alcohol	3.00
Check book	1.00
Brace and bit	1.80
Sharpening lawn mower	1.25
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	\$1,096.03

WOODWARD HUDSON, *Treasurer.*

Concord, March 1, 1897.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, chosen to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Concord Free Public Library Corporation, and examine the securities held by him belonging to the Corporation, has attended to the duty and finds the accounts correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers, and the several securities named in his report in safe keeping, in the Union Safe Deposit Vaults.

HENRY F. SMITH, *Auditor.*

Concord, March 8, 1897.

To the Trustees of the Concord Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith submit the twenty-fourth annual report of the Library:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the library March 1, 1896,	27,848
Increase by purchase,	650
“ “ gift,	154
“ “ binding periodicals,	109
“ “ one missing volume returned,	1
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Total increase,	914
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	28,762
Number of volumes missing from the library,	0
“ “ “ lost and paid for by loser,	2
“ “ “ worn out and withdrawn,	46
Whole number of volumes withdrawn,	48
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	28,714

CIRCULATION.

Number of days the library was open,	304
Number of volumes delivered for home use,	27,021
Average daily home use,	89
Largest day, Jan. 30,	241
Number of books covered,	3,279
Number of books, periodicals and newspapers bound,	356
Amount received for fines,	\$99.46
Amount received from sale of bulletins,	1.50

Of the 27,021 volumes which represent the home use of library, nearly 64 per cent. were fiction and juvenile books.

The circulation of the library for the year ending March,

1891, was less than 20,000 volumes; since then it has increased gradually, until this year it is a little more than 27,000 volumes. This represents only the books delivered for home use. The use of books in the building has apparently increased in a much larger ratio than for home use; the sons and daughters come here to trace their revolutionary ancestry, the members of various clubs to find material for their papers, and a fancy dress party is sure to create a demand for all the costume books the library owns; but of this use of the books no figures are kept by which to measure the work.

We have tried establishing a branch delivery at Concord Junction, having books brought down and returned once each week, hoping to accommodate not only those who already used the library, but to make it easy for others to do so. The experiment was tried for the three winter months, but with so little success that it is now discontinued. Possibly under more favorable circumstances it might be successful.

One book reported lost from our reference department two years ago was returned to the library last June, and one book which was missing in the early part of the winter, and which I expected to report missing this year, was returned to the library through the kindness of Mr. Magoun. It had been stolen by a book thief who has become notorious for the number of books stolen from the public libraries of Boston and Hartford, and who is now serving a sentence in a house of correction.

A new bulletin of books, added to the library during the years 1894, 1895, and 1896, has been prepared, and will be ready for use in a few days; this bulletin contains an author list of over 3,000 volumes, with many cross references to aid the user. We still continue the monthly lists of new books in the Concord Enterprise.

I wish to suggest that I consider it desirable to modify the "two book" system to the extent of allowing borrowers

to take two books of any kind they please, fiction or otherwise, limiting it only in regard to new books, only one of which shall be taken on a card. It would meet with the approval of borrowers as well as librarians, if you should allow a discretionary power to be used in occasionally issuing several books on a single card when the borrower is engaged in writing a paper for some club or other similar work, which is so transient as scarcely to call for a "student's card."

In addition to the gifts recorded below, we have received from Mrs. S. D. Richardson a deed of an old Concord farm bearing the date 1695, also other old papers and account books valuable as a part of our local history; Mr. A. W. Hosmer has given eleven programmes, newspaper cuttings, etc., of various dates from 1859 to 1865, also connected with our local history; Mr. J. M. Keyes has given two photographs of relics of Gettysburg battlefield; Mrs. F. M. Holland, a photograph of the artist, W. M. Hunt; Miss Emma Holland, a letter written by Harriet Martineau; Mr. C. E. Brown, a parchment sent by the people of Coggeshall, County of Essex, England, to the inhabitants of Concord, 1861; Mr. Samuel Hoar has given twenty-four parts of Murray's new English dictionary; Master Theron Damon, a piece of Hungarian fund money, with Kossuth's signature. Mr. F. A. Pratt and Mr. J. M. Keyes still continue their large contributions of periodicals for our reading-room and for loaning.

Gifts of books, pamphlets, and periodicals have been received from the following people;

Apsley, Hon. L. D., 8 vols.	Hayden, W. R., 1 vol.
Adams, C. F., 2 pphs.	Hoar, Hon. G. F., 1 vol., 2 pphs.
Balch, E. S., 1 vol.	Holland, Miss E., 7 vols, 8 pphs., 5 newspapers.
Balch, T. W., 1 vol.	Holland, F. M., 7 pphs., 21 periodicals.
Benton, J. H., Jr., 2 pphs.	McCormick, C. H., 1 vol.
Bridges, Mrs. C., 1 periodical.	Munroe, Miss M., 2 pphs.
Chapman, Mrs. L. F., 36 periodicals.	

Constable, Archibald & Co., 2 vols.	Pratt, F. A., 2 vols.
Cooke, J. P., 1 vol.	Pratt, F. G., 98 periodicals.
Crocker, U. H., 1 vol.	Sanborn, F. B., 1 vol., 2 pphs.
Cutter, A. E., 1 pph.	Spencer, H., 3 periodicals.
Downs, Mrs. S. M., 1 vol.	Stephens, C. A., 1 vol.
Emerson, Miss E. T., 2 pphs.	Stokes, A. P., 1 vol.
Emerson, E. W., 1 pph.	Surette, Mrs. L. A., 2 vols.
Forbush, E. H., 1 vol.	Tolman, W. N., 1 vol.
Furman, A. A., 1 vol.	Unknown, 1 vol., 3 pphs.
Gilmore, J. L., 2 vols.	Upton, Mrs., 1 vol.
Gourgas, J. M., 8 periodicals.	Walcott, C. H., 3 vols.
Greely, A. W., 1 vol.	Wheeler, J., 1 pph.
Hardy, Mrs. M. H., 1 vol.	Whitmore, W. H., 2 vols.
Harris, Prof. W. T., 12 periodicals.	Winthrop, R. C., 1 vol.
	Wood, A. E., 18 vols., 18 pphs.

Gifts from Libraries, Institutions, etc.—Aguilar Free Library Society, New York; American Humane Association, Providence; Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago; Bigelow Free Public Library; Boston Public Library; Brookline Public Library; Brooklyn Library; Buffalo Library; Bunker Hill Monument Association; Cornell University Library; Everett Public Library; Fall River Public Library; Forbes Library, Northampton; Friends' Free Library, Germantown; Harvard University; Helena Public Library; Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia; Jersey City Free Public Library; Knox County Historical Genealogical Society; Ladies' Commission on Sunday School Books; Lancaster Town Library; Lawrence Free Public Library; Lexington Historical Society; Los Angeles Public Library; Lowell City Library; Maimonides Free Library, New York; Malden Public Library; Mass. Agricultural College; Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Mass. Historical Society; Mass. Horticultural Society; Mass. Institute of Technology; Melrose Public Library; Metaphysical Publishing Co.; Minneapolis Public Library; Morse Institute Library, Natick; Newton Free Library; Peabody Institute; Perkins Institute; Pocumtuck Valley Association; Providence Public Library; Quincy Public Library; Reuben Hoar Library, Littleton; Royal Society of Canada; Rutland Free Library

Association ; St. Paul Public Library ; Salem Public Library ; San Francisco Free Public Library ; Shalam, Trustee for the Children of ; Smithsonian Institution ; Somerville Public Library ; Southbridge Public Library ; Springfield City Library Association ; Syracuse Central Library ; Tulane University, New Orleans ; United States Government (various departments) ; Warren County Public Library ; Watertown Free Public Library ; Weston Town Library ; Woburn Public Library ; Worcester Free Public Library.

PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM.

American Agriculturist. <i>Publishers.</i>	McClure's Magazine. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i>
American Antiquarian. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Metaphysical Magazine. <i>Publishers.</i>
American Historical Review. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Monist. <i>F. M. Holland.</i>
American Naturalist. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Munsey's Magazine. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i>
Arena. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Nation. <i>F. B. Sanborn.</i>
Art Amateur. <i>Town Fund.</i>	New Century Review. <i>Miss Perkins.</i>
Art Interchange. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i>	New England Farmer. <i>Town Fund.</i>
Athenæum. <i>Miss Perkins.</i>	New England Magazine. <i>Town Fund.</i>
Atlantic Monthly. <i>Town Fund.</i>	New York Daily Post. <i>Town Fund.</i>
Black Cat. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i>	New York Daily Tribune. <i>Town Fund.</i>
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Nineteenth Century. <i>Town Fund.</i>
Book Reviews. <i>Publishers.</i>	North American Review. <i>Town Fund.</i>
Bookman. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Open Court. <i>Publishers.</i>
Boston Daily Advertiser. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Our Animal Friends. <i>Miss Kennedy.</i>
Century. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Our Message. <i>W. C. T. U.</i>
Christian Leader. <i>Publishers.</i>	Our Paper. <i>Reformatory.</i>
Christian Literature. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i>	Outing. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i>
Christian Register. <i>Mrs. Simon Brown.</i>	Outlook. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i>
Churchman. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i>	Pacific Northwest. <i>Publishers.</i>
Colorado School Journal. <i>Publishers.</i>	Pall Mall Magazine. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i>
Concord Enterprise. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Penn. School Journal.
Congregationalist. <i>T. Todd.</i>	Peterson's Monthly. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i>
Contemporary Review. <i>Town Fund.</i>	Philosophical Review. <i>Town Fund.</i>
Cook's Tourist. <i>Publishers.</i>	Popular Science Monthly. <i>Town Fund.</i>
	Portfolio. <i>Town Fund.</i>
	Public Opinion. <i>F. B. Sanborn.</i>
	Puck. <i>W. Hudson.</i>
	Punch. <i>Miss Perkins.</i>

- Cosmopolitan. *Town Fund.*
 Defender. *T. Damon.*
 Electricity. *Publishers.*
 English Illustrated Magazine. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Forum. *Town Fund.*
 Garden and Forest. *Town Fund.*
 Godey's Magazine. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Good Housekeeping. *Town Fund.*
 Green Bag. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Harper's Bazar. *Town Fund.*
 Harper's Magazine. *Town Fund.*
 Harper's Weekly. *Town Fund.*
 Home Market Bulletin. *Publishers.*
 Independent. *Town Fund.*
 Inquirer. *Miss Perkins.*
 International Journal of Ethics. *W. Hudson.*
 Journal of Education. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Ladies' Home Journal. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Lend a Hand. *Town Fund.*
 Leslie's Weekly. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Library Journal. *Town Fund.*
 Life. *W. Hudson.*
 Literary World. *T. Todd.*
 Littell's Living Age. *Town Fund.*
 London Illustrated News. *Town Fund.*
 Longman's Magazine. *Town Fund.*
 Lowell Daily Courier. *H. Wright Fund.*
 Quarterly. *Town Fund.*
 Quarterly Journal of Economics. *W. Hudson.*
 Review of Reviews. *Town Fund.*
 St. Nicholas. *Town Fund.*
 School Journal. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Scientific American. *Town Fund.*
 Scientific American, Architect's Edition. *Town Fund.*
 Scientific American Supplement. *Town Fund.*
 Scribner's Magazine. *Town Fund.*
 Silver Cross. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Spectator. *Town Fund.*
 Spirit of '76. *Publishers.*
 Sportsman's Magazine. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Springfield Daily Republican. *Town Fund.*
 Strand Magazine. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Student's Journal of Phonography. *Publishers.*
 Sunday School Times. *F. B. Sanborn.*
 Tennessee University Magazine. *Tennessee University.*
 Time and Hour. *Publishers.*
 Traveller's Record. *Publishers.*
 Union Signal. *W. C. T. U.*
 United States Patent Office Official Gazette. *U. S. Patent Office.*
 Weekly Examiner. *Unknown.*
 Westminster Review. *Town Fund.*
 Woman's Journal. *Woman's Suffrage League.*

ELLEN F. WHITNEY,
Librarian.

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Worcester, Mass., Aug. 2, 1897

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SAMUEL HOAR,
President.

MARCH 5, 1898. ✓

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1905, at par	\$1,000.00
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Investment, March 1, 1898 :

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Deposit in East Cambridge Savings Bank,	
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	\$24,127.66
Increase during the year	\$933.01

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Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings	144.18	
		\$11,865.68
Com. on sale of 20 shares Amory Mfg. Co., paid from income	5.00	
Income carried to general expense account	600.00	
Income carried to repair account	24.78	
		\$629.78

GIFT OF WILLIAM M. PRICHARD, FOR HISTORY OR THE FINE ARTS.

Investments, March 1, 1898 :

Note of First Parish in Concord for \$2,000 at 4 per cent. 1899	\$2,000.00	
Conn. River R. R. Co., 4 per cent. scrip, 1903, at par	2,367.62	
		\$4,367.62

Receipts :

Balance from last year	\$90.79	
Interest	184.48	
		\$275.27

Payments :

George Busse, facsimile drawings	\$65.00	
Balance on hand	210.27	
		\$275.27

LEGACY OF REUBEN N. RICE.

Investments, March 1, 1898 :

Conn. River R. R. Co., 4 per cent. scrip, 1903, at par	\$1,082.50	
Chic., Ind. & Lou. R. R. Co., refunding mtge. 6 per cent. bond, 1947, at par	1,000.00	
		\$2,082.50

Com. on sale of 10 shares Waltham Gas	
Light Co., paid from income . . .	\$2.50
Express on bond to New York for exchange,	
paid from income50
Income carried to general expense account	70.22
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	\$73.22

LEGACY OF CRYUS STOW.

Investment, March 1, 1898 :

C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., conv. 5 per cent.	
bond, 1903, at par	\$1,000.00
Income carried to general expense account	\$50.00

LEGACY OF LYDIA R. WHITING.

Investments, March 1, 1898 :

25 shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., at cost	\$3,235.97
Conn. River R. R. Co., 4 per cent. scrip,	
1903, at par	42.50
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	\$3,278.47
Income carried to general expense account	\$102.02

LEGACY OF WILLIAM WHITING.

Investments, March 1, 1898 :

Concord & Montreal R. R. Co., 1st mtge.	
4 per cent. bond, 1920, at par	\$1,000.00
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings . .	20.22
Conn. River R. R. Co., 4 per cent. scrip,	
1903, at par	7.38
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	\$1,027.60
Income paid to Library Committee . . .	\$41.16

HAPGOOD WRIGHT TRUST FUND.

Investment, March 1, 1898 :

Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings	\$300.00
Receipts :	
Balance from last year	\$9.34
Interest	12.06
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	\$21.40

Payments:

Lowell Daily Courier, Jan. 1, 1897, to Jan.	
1, 1898	\$6.00
Balance on hand	15.40
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	\$21.40

LEGACY OF NATHAN M. WRIGHT.

Investment, March 1, 1898 :	
Conn. River R. R. Co., 4 per cent. scrip,	
1903, at par	\$500.00
Income carried to general expense account	\$13.83

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Receipts:

Balance from last year	\$8.22
From income of Munroe repair fund	24.78
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Total on hand	\$25.00

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Receipts:

From J. Story Gerrish fund	\$39.79
" E. R. Hoar fund	50.00
" Ebenezer Hubbard fund	70.00
" William Munroe fund	600.00
" Reuben N. Rice fund	70.22
" Cyrus Stow fund	50.00
" Lydia R. Whiting fund	102.02
" Nathan M. Wright fund	13.83
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	\$995.86

Payments:

Debit balance from last year	\$24.42
Rent of box in Union Safe Deposit Vaults	10.00
Michael Mahoney, janitor	300.00
Insurance	120.00
Watering streets	30.00
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Amount carried forward, \$484.42

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$484.42
Town of Concord, water rates	23.00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasoline . .	27.68
James B. Wood, coal	222.90
John H. Coan, teaming ashes, etc. . . .	12.95
Densmore B. Hosmer, repairs	17.12
Loughlin & Dempsey "	16.36
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., repairs . .	13.22
Charles W. Prescott, 1 cord of wood . .	3.00
South End Roofing Co., repairing roof .	8.00
Wakefield Rattan Co., mat	4.50
Thomas Hollis Co., alcohol	2.75
Paine Furniture Co., case for sword of	
Davis	7.25
Sharpening lawn mower	1.25
Garden shears50
Air valve, cap and screws90
Gas pliers50
Repairing lock40
Balance on hand	149.16
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	\$995.86

WOODWARD HUDSON,

Treasurer.

CONCORD, March 1, 1898.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Concord Free Public Library and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. I have also this day examined all of the securities belonging to the Corporation, held by the Treasurer and named in his report, and they are properly cared for in the Union Safe Deposit Vaults, Boston.

HENRY F. SMITH,
Auditor.

Concord, March 9, 1898.

To the Concord Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith submit the twenty-fifth annual report of the Library :

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the library, March 1, 1897	28,714
Increase by purchase	715
“ “ gift	141
“ “ binding periodicals	51
Total increase	907
	<hr/> 29,621
Number of volumes missing from the Library	0
“ “ lost and paid for by loser	1
“ “ worn out and withdrawn	46
Whole number of volumes withdrawn	<hr/> 47
Number of volumes in the Library, March 1, 1898	29,574

CIRCULATION.

Number of days the Library was open	305
Number of volumes delivered for home use	29,387
Average daily home use	96+
Largest day, Feb. 19	240
Smallest day, Feb. 1	19
Number of books covered	2,326
Number of books, periodicals, and newspapers bound	338
Amount received for fines	\$105.21
Amount received from sale of bulletins	6.40
Amount received for lost and damaged books	2.86

The library report of March, 1897, shows the circulation of lending books for the year then closed was 27,021; this year it is 29,387, a gain of more than 2300 volumes, and of nearly 9 per cent. in one year.

Last year, at my suggestion, you modified the existing "two-book" system to allow adult readers to draw two works of fiction on a card, if they preferred, in place of one fiction and one other book. I am glad to find that this modification of the rule has changed the percentage of fiction and juvenile reading very little: last year the percentage of fiction and juvenile was 64—, this year it is 64+, proving that the 9 per cent. increase in circulation is not an increase of fiction only.

Beside our open shelves for new books, which have been very popular since first established, we have another open book case on which may be found interesting old books, or books on topics of especial interest to the public: these I intend to change every two or three months. The case has been in place only a few days, so that I cannot judge yet how useful it may be.

Mr. Woodward Hudson has given the library a carbon photograph of Mr. Samuel Staples; Mr. R. W. Wood, of Jamaica Plain, has given 50 pictures of architectural details of the buildings of the World's Columbian Exposition.

Gifts of books, pamphlets, and periodicals have been received from the following people:

Barrett, Edwin S., 2 vols.	Holland, F. M., 1 pph.
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., family of, 1 vol.	Houghton, Mifflin, & Co., 1 pph.
Chamberlin, Mrs. A. E., 2 pphs.	Kennedy, Miss L., 4 vols., 11 periodicals.
Chapman, Mrs. L. F., 12 periodicals.	King, Hon. G. A., 1 vol.
Davis, Horace, 2 pphs.	Langley, S. P., 1 vol.
Denissen, Christian, 1 pph.	Marquand, Henry, 2 pphs.
Emerson, Edward W., 2 vols., 1 pph.	Minot, Joseph G., 1 vol.
Emerson, Prof. Jos., 1 vol.	Munn & Co., 1 vol.
Fracker & Co., 1 vol.	Munroe, Charles E., 1 pph.
Green, Dr. S. A., 5 pphs.	Parsons, Miller, & Steward, 1 vol.
Hoar, Mrs. E. S., 3 pphs.	Penniman, Jos. H., 1 vol.
Hoar, Hon. G. F., 7 vols.	Potter, Alfred M., 1 vol.
Hoar, Samuel, 4 pphs.	Pratt, F. Alcott, 4 vols.
Hoar, Hon. Sherman, 7 vols.	Pratt, F. S. and C. H., 1 vol.
Holland, Miss E. P., 69 vols., 7 pphs., 28 periodicals.	Pritchard, Wm. M., 4 vols.
	Sanborn, F. B., 1 pph., 36 periodicals.
	Sheppard & St. John, 1 vol.

Smiley, Albert K., 1 pph.	Weymouth, Hon. G. W. 4 vols.
Stone, Miss E. A., 1 periodical.	Wheeler, Frank S., 1 vol.
Thurston, L. A., 1 pph.	Whymper, E., 1 pph.
Tileston, Mrs. J. B., 1 vol.	Winthrop, Hon. R. C. Jr., 1 vol.
Unknown, 4 vols.	

Gifts from Libraries, Institutions, etc.:—Aguilar Free Library, New York; Amherst College; Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago; Bigelow Free Library, Clinton; Boston Public Library; Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn; Brookline Public Library; Brooklyn Library; Buffalo Public Library; Bunker Hill Monument Association; Enoch Pratt Free Library; Everett Public Library; Fairmount Park Art Association; Fitz Public Library, Chelsea; Fitchburg, City of; Forbes Library, Northampton; Friends Free Library, Germantown; Hartford Public Library; Harvard University; Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia; Indianapolis Public Library; Irish National Federation of America; Jersey City Free Public Library; Lancaster Town Library; Lawrence Free Public Library; Lowell City Library; McCormick Harvesting Machine Co.; Maimonides Free Library, New York; Maine Genealogical Society; Malden Public Library; Massachusetts, Commonwealth of; Mass. Charitable Mechanics Association; Mass. Free Public Library Commission; Mass. Reformatory; Minneapolis Public Library; Morse Institute Library, Natick; New Jersey State Library; Newark Free Public Library; Newton Free Library; Paterson Free Library; Peabody Institute; Pennsylvania Prison Society; Perkins Institution; Providence Public Library; Reuben Hoar Library, Littleton; Rutland Free Library Association; St. Louis Mercantile Library Association; St. Paul Public Library; San Francisco Free Public Library; Somerville Public Library; Southbridge Public Library; Springfield City Library Association; Sudbury, Town of; Syracuse Library; Trenton State Library; United States

(various departments); University of Pennsylvania; Warren County Library, Ill.; Watertown Free Public Library; Weston Town Library; Wells College, Aurora, New York; Winchester Public Library; Winchester Home Corporation; Woburn Public Library; Worcester Free Public Library.

PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM.

American Agriculturist. Publishers.	Pub-	Defender. T. Damon.
American Antiquarian. Fund.	Town	Dial. F. A. Tower.
American Historical Review. Town Fund.		Electricity. Publishers.
American Naturalist. Fund.	Town	Essex Antiquarian. G. Tolman.
Arena. Town Fund.		Expositor. F. A. Pratt.
Art Amateur. Town Fund.		Forum. Town Fund.
Atlantic Monthly. Town Fund.		Godey's Magazine. J. M. Keyes.
Auk. M. B. L. Bradford.		Good Housekeeping. Town Fund.
Bicycling World. J. M. Keyes.		Green Bag. F. A. Pratt.
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine. Town Fund.		Harper's Bazar. Town Fund.
Bookman. Town Fund.		Harper's Magazine. Town Fund.
Boston Daily Advertiser. Town Fund.	Town	Harper's Weekly. Town Fund.
Bulletin of Good Roads. Publishers.	Pub-	Home Market Bulletin. Publishers.
Century. Town Fund.		Independent. Town Fund.
Chap Book. F. A. Tower.		International Journal of Ethics. W. Hudson.
Charities Review. Town Fund.		Journal of Education. F. A. Pratt.
Christian Register. Mrs. Simon Brown.		Journal of Practical Metaphysics. Publishers.
Christian Science Journal. Mrs. F. L. Emery.		Ladies' Home Journal. J. M. Keyes.
Churchman. F. A. Pratt.		Leslie's Weekly. J. M. Keyes.
Concord Enterprise. Town Fund.		Library Journal. Town Fund.
Congregationalist. T. Todd.		Life. W. Hudson.
Contemporary Review. Town Fund.	Town	Literary World. T. Todd.
Cook's Tourist. Publishers.		Literature. F. A. Tower.
Cosmopolitan. Town Fund.		Living Age. Town Fund.
Cumulative Index to Periodicals. Town Fund.		London Illustrated News. Town Fund.
		Longman's Magazine. Town Fund.
		Lowell Daily Courier. H. Wright Fund.
		McClure's Magazine. J. M. Keyes.

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 New England Farmer. *Town Fund.*
 New England Magazine. *Town Fund.*
 New Illustrated Magazine. *J. M. Keyes.*
 New York Post. *Town Fund.*
 Nineteenth Century. *Town Fund.*
 North American Review. *Town Fund.*
 Open Court. *Publishers.*
 Our Animal Friends. *Miss Kennedy.*
 Our Message. *W. C. T. U.*
 Our Paper. *Reformatory.*
 Outing. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Outlook. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Pall Mall Magazine. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Penn. School Journal. *W. T. Harris.*
 Peterson Monthly. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Philosophical Review. *Town Fund.*
 Popular Science Monthly. *Town Fund.*
 Portfolio. *Town Fund.*
 Public Opinion. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Puck. *W. Hudson.*
 Punch. *Miss Perkins.*
 Quarterly Review. *Town Fund.*
 Quarterly Journal of Economics. *W. Hudson.*
 Recreation. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Review of Reviews. *Town Fund.*
 St. Nicholas. *Town Fund.*
 School Journal. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Scientific American. *Town Fund.*
 Scientific American. Building Edition. *Town Fund.*
 Scientific American, Supplement. *Town Fund.*
 Scribner's Magazine. *Town Fund.*
 Silver Cross. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Spectator. *Town Fund.*
 Spirit of '76. *Mass. Soc. Sons of American Revolution.*
 Springfield Republican. *Town Fund.*
 Strand Magazine. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Student's Journal of Phonography. *Publishers.*
 Sunday School Times. *F. B. Sanborn.*
 Tablet. *Publishers.*
 Tennessee University Magazine. *Tenn. University.*
 Time and Hour. *Publishers.*
 Traveller's Record. *Publishers.*
 Union Signal. *W. C. T. U.*
 U. S. Patent Office Official Gazette. *U. S. Patent Office.*
 Universalist Leader. *Publishers.*
 Westminster Review. *Town Fund.*
 Woman's Journal. *Woman's Suffrage League.*

ELLEN F. WHITNEY,

Librarian.

Free Public Library.

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Worcester, Mass., Apr. 30, 1898

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee recommend for the support of the Library for the ensuing year, appropriations as follows :

1. One thousand dollars for the Librarian's salary.
2. Twelve hundred and forty-three dollars, being one dollar for each of the ratable polls for the year 1895.
3. Four hundred and four dollars and seventy cents, being the amount of the dog tax for 1895, refunded by the County Treasurer.

GEORGE A. KING, *Chairman.*

March 1, 1896.

REPORT OF THE CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Concord Free Public Library submits to the town its Twenty-Third Annual Report, showing by the accompanying reports of its Treasurer, Auditor and Librarian the amount and condition of the property in its charge, and the additions to it and uses made of it during the year past.

SAMUEL HOAR, *President.*

Concord, March 2, 1896.

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*The Treasurer of the Concord Free Public Library submits
the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Amount and
Condition of the Funds, March 1, 1896.*

AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

J. Story Gerrish fund	\$926.00
E. R. Hoar fund	1,067.50
Ebenezer Hubbard fund	1,053.32
Abel Hunt fund	400.00
Charles Merriam fund	927.34
William Munroe fund for accumulation	22,297.77
William Munroe repair fund	12,273.85
William M. Prichard fund	4,350.00
Reuben N. Rice fund	2,068.75
Cyrus Stow fund	1,106.25
Lydia R. Whiting fund	3,278.47
William Whiting fund	1,027.60
Hapgood Wright fund	300.00
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Total, March 1, 1896	\$51,076.85
Amount of funds March 1, 1895	50,712.15
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Increase during the year	\$364.70

LEGACY OF J. STORY GERRISH.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

6 shares Fitchburg R.R. Co. pfd., cost value	\$532.50	
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings	393.50	
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Received during the year from Charles Thompson, Ex'or, acct. legacy		\$85.00
Income carried to general expense account		\$38.08

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LEGACY OF E. R. HOAR.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

\$1,000 Chicago Sanitary Dist. 5 per cent. bond due 1905, cost value	\$1,067.50
Income applied to payment of premium	\$37.50
Deficit	\$30.00

LEGACY OF EBENEZER HUBBARD.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

\$1,000 City of Springfield Water Loan 7 per cent. bond, due 1903, cost value	\$1,053.32
Income carried to general expense account	\$70.00

LEGACY OF ABEL HUNT.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

Deposit in East Cambridge Savings Bank	\$400.00
Income paid to Library Committee	\$18.20

LEGACY OF CHARLES MERRIAM.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

2 shares B. & M. R. R. com., cost value	\$204.00
8 shares Fitchburg R.R. Co. pfd., cost value	691.00
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings	32.34
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	\$927.34
Income paid to Library Committee	\$45.28

LEGACY OF WILLIAM MUNROE, FOR ACCUMULATION.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

6 policies in Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., original deposits	\$12,868.00
Interest accrued thereon to Jan. 1, 1896	8,519.12
Deposit in East Cambridge Savings Bank	910.65
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	\$22,297.77
Increase during year	\$862.20

GIFT OF WILLIAM MUNROE, REPAIR FUND.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

36 shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., cost value	\$4,186.50	
20 shares Amory Mfg. Co., cost value	2,470.00	
44 shares East Boston Dry Dock Co., cost value	660.00	
\$4,000 Ottawa, Oswego & Fox River Valley R.R. Co. 1st mtge. 8 per cent bonds, due 1900, cost value	4,813.17	
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings	144.18	
	<hr/>	\$12,273.85
Income carried to general expense account		\$600.00
Income carried to repair account		\$29.78

GIFT OF WILLIAM M. PRICHARD, FOR HISTORY OR THE FINE ARTS.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

Loan on personal security, ten names	\$2,000.00	
\$1,450 Conn. River R. R. Co., 4 per cent. scrip, cost value	1,435.50	
Deposit in New England Trust Co.	914.50	
	<hr/>	\$4,350.00
\$6,000 Atch. Top. & S. Fé R.R. Co. 4 per cent. bonds due 1989 sold at 72½		\$4,350.00

Receipts :

Balance from last year	\$90.00	
Interest	46.69	
	<hr/>	\$136.69

Payments :

Foote & French, com. on sale of bonds	\$7.50	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Vol., 8 Silva of North America	25.00	
R. L. Day & Co., accrued int. on scrip	4.33	
Balance on hand	99.86	
	<hr/>	\$136.69

LEGACY OF REUBEN N. RICE.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

10 shares Waltham Gas Light Co., cost value	\$1,060.00	
\$1,000 Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Ry Co. consol. 6 per cent. bond, due .		
1916, cost value	1,008.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,068.75
Income carried to general expense account		\$120.00

LEGACY OF CYRUS STOW.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

\$1,000 C. B. & Q R. R. Co. convert. 5 per cent. bond, due 1903, cost value . .		\$1,106.25
Income carried to general expense account		\$50.00

LEGACY OF LYDIA R. WHITING.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

25 shares C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., cost value	\$3,235.97	
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings .	42.50	
	<hr/>	\$3,278.47
Income carried to general expense account		\$101.68

LEGACY OF WILLIAM WHITING.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

\$1,000 Concord & Montreal R. R. Co. 1st mtge. 4 per cent. bond, due 1920, cost value	\$1,000.00	
Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings .	27.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,027.60
Income paid to Library Committee . .		\$41.08

HAPGOOD WRIGHT TRUST FUND.

Investments, March 1, 1896 :

Deposit in Middlesex Inst. for Savings .		\$300.00
Balance of income from last year . .	\$8.22	
Interest	12.06	
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Balance on hand		\$20.28

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year	\$109.91	
From income of Munroe repair fund	29.78	
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Balance on hand		\$139.69

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Receipts :

Balance from last year	\$109.75	
From J. Story Gerrish fund	38.08	
From Ebenezer Hubbard fund	70.00	
From William Munroe repair fund	600.00	
From Reuben N. Rice fund	120.00	
From Cyrus Stow fund	50.00	
From Lydia R. Whiting fund	101.68	
	<hr/>	\$1,089.51

Payments :

Rent of box in Union Safe Deposit Vaults	\$10.00
Watering streets	30.00
John O. Haskell, sharpening lawn mower	1.25
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., repairs on gas machine	11.55
Jeremiah Sheehan, 1 cord trash wood	2.50
Rake, etc.55
Benjamin W. Brown, fertilizer, seed, etc.	12.35
James B. Wood, coal	203.00
James B. Wood, lumber	2.60
William A. Kandal, awnings	12.75
Exeter Machine Works, repairs on steam heater	66.18
Patrick McWalter, repairs on steam heater	17.62
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on castings	1.20
C. H. McKenney & Co., 4 dozen chimneys for gas	3.00
Louis K. Brown, printing cards	2.50
George J. Emmott, vent pipe and repairs	104.43
H. L. Whitcomb, check-book50
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$481.98

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$481.98
Joel Goldthwaite & Co., rug	.	.	.	12.00
A. Oelschleger, cleaning chimneys	.	.	.	4.80
Densmore B. Hosmer, labor and materials	.	.	.	11.06
Charles W. Prescott, labor and loam	.	.	.	10.10
Patrick McWalter, repairs	.	.	.	2.58
John H. Coan, labor and team	.	.	.	11.40
Water rates	.	.	.	23.00
Gasoline	.	.	.	47.80
Michael Mahoney, janitor	.	.	.	292.50
Insurance	.	.	.	129.15
Balance on hand	.	.	.	63.14
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				\$1,089.51

WOODWARD HUDSON, *Treasurer.*

Concord, March 1, 1896.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Concord Free Public Library, and examine the securities in his possession belonging to the corporation, has attended to that duty, and hereby certifies that the accounts are correctly cast and properly vouched, and all the securities named in his report are carefully preserved in the Union Safe Deposit Vaults.

HENRY F. SMITH, *Auditor.*

Concord, March 16, 1896.

To the President of the Concord Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Library:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the Library March 1, 1895,	26,824
Increase by purchase and exchange 720	
“ “ gift 283	
“ “ binding periodicals 56	
Total increase	1,059
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	27,883
Number of volumes missing from the Library 2	
“ “ “ lost or damaged and paid for 4	
“ “ “ worn out and withdrawn 29	
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Whole number of volumes withdrawn	35
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Number of volumes in the Library March 1, 1896	27,848

CIRCULATION.

Number of days the Library was open	306
Number of volumes delivered for home use	26,074
Average daily home use	85+
Largest day, Jan. 11	261
Number of books covered	2,636
“ “ “ periodicals and newspapers bound	287
Amount received for fines	\$93.81
Amount received from sale of catalogues and bulletins	1.80
Amount received for books lost or damaged	5.02

No account is kept of the number of books used in the Library from both lending and reference departments, consequently there is nothing which gives any idea of the amount of work actually done, and which often equals in amount or exceeds that of delivering books for home use.

The new system of charging, under which two books are issued no a card, went into effect the twenty-first of last March, and has now

been in use more than eleven months. In some respects this method makes a little more work, but it has increased the circulation and is, on the whole, much more satisfactory, and more than compensating for the increased work. I think few of the borrowers would like to go back to the one book limit. The present system would prove even more popular than it is, if we could do away with one of the limitations and allow two books regardless of class on one card.

If we had sufficient space, it would be desirable to have open shelves, which should be filled once in three months, or oftener, from the older books in the library, bringing into notice again books which have been published ten, fifteen or twenty years and are now half forgotten by the older readers, and unknown to the younger ones. They would often prove more profitable reading than the new books. It would also be well to have a shelf devoted to topics of especial interest to the public. I also think it would be helpful if we could occasionally allow borrowers to go to the shelves to look up a subject. It would not be convenient in the fiction alcoves, they are so closely shelved as to have no spare space, but in many parts of the library, one person at a time might be admitted without much trouble resulting except perhaps a few misplaced books.

Our card catalogue had become so crowded that it was a trial of patience to use it, and more space became a necessity. The best remedy would have been a modern case, and have the catalogue copied on smaller cards to fit it, but that plan seemed to be too expensive, so a story has been added to the old case, which will hold about twelve thousand cards, but of a smaller size than those which we have been using; then ten thousand of the old cards, comprising A, B and C of the card catalogue were renumbered and cut down to suit the new case; guides were put in the drawers, giving now a card catalogue, the new part of which is a pleasure to use, and the old part better than for a long time. The new cards used are of the smaller size, and I hope gradually to work the whole catalogue on these cards, so that when the new case is bought we shall be able to fill it with cards most approved by experience. I think our present addition will be sufficient for two years.

The Town Committee for the publication "Concord Births, Marriages and Deaths," gave the library twenty-five copies to be used in exchange for similar publications. Exchanges have been

made with the Essex Institute, Salem, Editor of Putnam's Historical Magazine, Woburn Library, Town of Dedham, Lancaster Library, Boston Public Library, New Hampshire State Library, New Jersey State Library.

From Mr. J. M. Keyes and Mr. F. A. Pratt we have received a large number of periodicals; those for which we have not already subscribed are credited to them on the reading room lists. The duplicates form a valuable collection for lending. The Cosmopolitan, Harper, Outing and Scribner from Mr. Keyes; the Forum, Independent, North American Review, Public Opinion, Review of Reviews from Mr. Pratt, and the library furnishes a copy of the Century.

By bequest of Hon. E. R. Hoar the library has received "The Philosophers' Camp in the Adirondacks," painted by Wm. J. Stillman, and "Criticism," painted by E. E. Simmons. The last is a valuable addition to the collection of pictures which we hope to have painted by Concord artists. The "Philosophers' Camp" contains portraits of several famous men; a key to the picture, made and given by Mr. E. W. Emerson, hangs near it.

Miss Kennedy has presented the library with thirty-four etchings and engravings, framed and ready for hanging.

Hon. George F. Hoar has sent us three pictures of places in Odell, England; Mr. Alfred Munroe has given a framed photograph of Judge Hoar; Mr. A. W. Hosmer has given a photograph of Thoreau, a collection of photographs of places in Concord of which Thoreau has written, bound and called "In Thoreau's Country," also a Thoreau Chronology; from Dr. S. A. Jones, of Ann Arbor, we have received, bound in two volumes, a collection of Thoreau's writings as they were first printed in periodicals, being practically "first editions;" Mrs. F. M. Holland has given a photograph of Mr. Elwell's medallion of Booth.

In response to a request which we have made of the several sculptors whom we claim as Concord artists, Mr. Ricketson has given us photographs of his works. Others have promised, and we hope will soon do so.

Mr. L. A. Surette has given us pieces of currency which were issued by the Concord Lyceum in "war times," when change was scarce; Mrs. R. F. Barrett has given a megaletopscopio, with a large number of pictures to use in it; Mr. E. S. Barrett has given a heliotype copy of the commission as Ensign, granted by Gov. Andros to Humphrey Barrett, in 1688.

Gifts of books, pamphlets, and periodicals have been received from the following people :

Apstey, Hon. L. D., 8 vols.	Jackson, Rev. A. W., 1 pph.
Balch, E. S., 2 vols.	Jones, Dr. S. A., 2 vols.
Barrett, S. J., 1 vol.	Johnson, Miss F. M., 1 vol.
Barrett, Wm., 2 pphs.	Kennedy, Miss, 1 vol.
Bevan, Rev. W. L., 1 vol.	Keyes, Mrs. A. R., 2 vols.
Bordman, J., Jr., 1 vol.	Leavitt, Miss J. S., 4 vols.
Brown, Miss C. M., 69 pphs.	Lowry, S. C., 1 vol.
Bulkeley, Rev. B. R., 1 vol.	Macullar, Parker & Co., 1 vol.
Crowell, Mrs. B. H., 2 coins.	Merwin, Mrs. G. S., 1 vol.
Crowell, Miss E. G., 5 vols.	Moore, H. O., 1 vol.
Cust, Dr. R. N., 1 vol.	Peck, G. G., 1 vol.
Emerson, E. W., 1 ms. 1 pph.	Porter, Rev. E. G., 1 pph.
Fabens, B. L., 1 periodical.	Pratt, F. A., 4 vols.
Fearing, A. C., Jr., 1 vol.	Pray, J. H. & Co., 1 pph.
Fitzgerald, D., 1 vol.	Putnam, Rev. A. P., 1 vol.
Gray, W. R., 1 vol.	Richardson, Miss S. E., 5 vols.
Green, S. S., 1 pph.	Russell, E. H., 1 pph.
Harris, Prof. W. T., 29 periodicals.	Sanborn, F. B., 3 vols., 1 pph.
Hoar, Judge E. R., children of, 167 vols., 21 maps.	Sanborn, V. C., 1 pph.
Hoar, Mrs. E. S., 3 pphs.	Selmes, Miss M., 1 vol.
Hoar, Hon. G. F., 5 vols., 2 pphs.	Todd, T., 1 vol.
Hoar, Hon. Sherman, 54 vols.	Tolman, G., 1 vol., 12 periodicals.
Holland, F. M., 15 vols., 3 pphs., 29 periodicals.	Unknown, 2 vols.
Hosmer, A. W., 1 vol.	Upton, Mrs., 2 vols.
Hudson, W., 2 vols.	Walcott, C. H., 2 vols.
	Walcott, H. J., Jr., 1 periodical.
	Whitmore, W. H., 1 vol.

Gifts from Libraries, Institutions, etc.:—Acton Memorial Library; Amherst College; Bigelow Free Library; Clinton; Boston Public Library; Brookline Public Library; Brooklyn Library; Bronson Library; Waterbury, Conn.; Buffalo Library; Cary Library, Lexington; Concord High School; Concord Home for the Aged; Cornell University; Dayton Public Library; Everett Public Library; Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore; Fall River Public Library; Fitz Library, Chelsea; Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.; Friends Free Library, Germantown; Harvard University; Jersey City Free Public Library; Lancaster Town Library; Lawrence Free Public Library; Library Association of Portland, Oregon; Los Angeles Public Library; Maimonides Library, New York; Malden Public Library; Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Mass. Horticultural Society; Mass. Institute of Technology; Mass. Reformatory; Mass. State Library; Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis; Morse Institute, Natick; Mount Holyoke College; New Jersey State Library; Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library; Newberry Library, Chicago; Newton Free Library; Peabody

Institute; Perkins' Institution; Providence Public Library; Reuben Hoar Library, Littleton; Royal Society of Canada; Rutland (Vt.) Public Library; St. Paul Public Library; Salem Public Library; San Francisco Free Public Library; Smithsonian Institution; Southbridge Public Library; Springfield City Library Association; Syracuse Central Library; Thomas Crane Public Library; Trinitarian Congregational Church; United States Government (various departments); University of Pennsylvania; Waltham Public Library; Warren Co. Public Library; Watertown Free Public Library; Westford Academy; Weston Town Library; Winchester Home Corporation; Woburn Public Library; Worcester Free Library.

PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM.

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| Academy. <i>Miss Perkins.</i> | Green Bag. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i> |
| American Agriculturist. <i>Publishers.</i> | Harper's Bazaar. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| American Kitchen Magazine. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Harper's Magazine. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| American Historical Review. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Harper's Weekly. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| American Naturalist. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Home Market Bulletin. <i>Publishers.</i> |
| Arena. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Independent. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| Argosy. <i>Herbert Spencer.</i> | Inquirer. <i>Miss Perkins.</i> |
| Art Amateur. <i>Town Fund.</i> | International Journal of Ethics. <i>W. Hudson.</i> |
| Art Interchange. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i> | Journal of Education. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i> |
| Atlantic Monthly. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Ladies' Home Journal. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i> |
| Black Cat. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i> | Lend a Hand. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Leslie's Weekly. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i> |
| Bookman. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Library Journal. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| Boston Daily Advertiser. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Life. <i>W. Hudson.</i> |
| Century. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Literary World. <i>T. Todd.</i> |
| Christian Leader. <i>Publishers.</i> | Littell's Living Age. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| Christian Register. <i>Mrs. Simon Brown.</i> | London Illustrated News. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| Churchman. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i> | London Times (weekly). <i>Miss Kennedy.</i> |
| Concord Enterprise. <i>Publishers.</i> | Longman's Magazine. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| Congregationalist. <i>T. Todd.</i> | Lowell Daily Courier. <i>H. Wright Fund.</i> |
| Contemporary. <i>Town Fund.</i> | McClure's Magazine. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i> |
| Cook's Tourist. <i>Publishers.</i> | Metaphysical Magazine. <i>Publishers.</i> |
| Cosmopolitan. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Minute Man. <i>Concord Home School.</i> |
| Education. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i> | Monist. <i>F. M. Holland.</i> |
| Educational Review. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i> | Munsey's Magazine. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i> |
| Forum. <i>Town Fund.</i> | Nation. <i>F. B. Sanborn.</i> |
| Garden and Forest. <i>Town Fund.</i> | National Geographic Magazine. <i>F. A. Pratt.</i> |
| Godey's Magazine. <i>J. M. Keyes.</i> | New England Farmer. <i>Town Fund.</i> |
| Good Housekeeping. <i>Town Fund.</i> | |

- New England Magazine. *Town Fund.*
 New England Weather Service Bulletins. *F. A. Tower.*
 New York Daily Post. *Miss Perkins.*
 New York Daily Tribune. *Town Fund.*
 Nineteenth Century. *Town Fund.*
 North American Review. *Town Fund.*
 Open Court. *Publishers.*
 Our Animal Friends. *Miss Kennedy.*
 Our Message. *W. C. T. U.*
 Our Paper. *Reformatory.*
 Outing. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Outlook. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Penn. School Journal.
 Peterson's Monthly. *J. M. Keyes.*
 Philosophical Review. *Town Fund.*
 Popular Science Monthly. *Town Fund.*
 Portfolio. *Town Fund.*
 Public Opinion. *F. B. Sanborn.*
 Puck. *W. Hudson.*
 Punch. *Miss Perkins.*
 Putnam's Historical Magazine.
 Quarterly. *Town Fund.*
 Quarterly Journal of Economics. *W. Hudson.*
 Review of Reviews. *Town Fund.*
 Revue de Paris. *Miss Perkins.*
 St. Nicholas. *Town Fund.*
 School Journal. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Scientific American. *Town Fund.*
 Scientific American Architects Edition. *Town Fund.*
 Scientific American Supplement. *Town Fund.*
 Scribner's Magazine. *Town Fund.*
 Silver Cross. *F. A. Pratt.*
 Spectator. *Town Fund.*
 Springfield daily Republican. *Town Fund.*
 Students Journal of Phonography. *Publishers.*
 Sunday School Times. *F. B. Sanborn.*
 Tennessee University Magazine. *Tennessee University.*
 Traveller's Record. *Publishers.*
 Union Signal. *W. C. T. U.*
 United States Patent Office Official Gazette. *U. S. Patent Office.*
 Westminster Review. *Town Fund.*
 Woman's Journal. *Woman's Suffrage League.*
 Youth's Companion. *H. Spencer.*

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